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**Response to 1/25/2005 Office Action**

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed 6/6/2006, and submits the following in complete response thereto, and requests reconsideration of the Claims presented.

This Response:

Cancels Claims 1-7 and 9-16.

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This amendment and response is filed within six months of the mailing of the Office Action. Applicant petitions for a three month extension of the time to respond, and encloses a check for the applicable \$510 fee.

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